

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Joan Bortnem Clarke; and,

Whereas, Joan has devoted her life to the betterment of her community and for over 31 years has faithfully served the people of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Joan began her career as a Chemist with the South Dakota Department of Health in Pierre on September 4, 1979, and joined the South Dakota Department of Water and Natural Resources (now DENR) on October 13, 1980, as a Natural Resources Analyst. She held seven additional position titles and was instrumental in revising the South Dakota water quality standards, maintaining and interpreting data from the water quality monitoring network, assisting with the water quality inventory, promoting storm water runoff controls, and determining the maximum daily loads for water bodies, all these to uphold the goals of the federal Clean Water Act; and,

Whereas, Joan joined the South Dakota Department of Transportation on January 19, 2002. She served the last 10 years as an Environmental Senior Scientist assuring that environmental impacts were avoided, minimized or mitigated for a variety of transportation projects, focusing on water quality protection, but enhancing project delivery and scheduling of improvements and assets for South Dakota's transportation system; and,

Whereas, Joan devoted her life to her husband, Dennis, family, and many friends, and to the day-to-day attention and professionalism necessary to make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2012, as

JOAN BORTNEM CLARKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State